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NEWS.

W. A. MURRILL has succeeded F. S. Earle at the New York Botanical Garden as assistant curator in charge of the fungi.

PROFESSOR F. L. STEVENS has been elected president of the North Carolina Academy of Science for the ensuing year.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has recently conferred the honorary degree of Sc.D. upon Professor Hugo DeVries, of Amsterdam.

EDWARD W. BERRY has been elected secretary of the Torrey Botanical Club in the place of Professor F. S. Earle, who recently left for Cuba.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN at its recent Jubilee conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. upon Professor W. G. Farlow, of Harvard University.

D. T. MACDOUGAL, director of the laboratories of the New York Botanical Garden, has been advanced to the position of assistant director of the institution.

DR. C. C. HOSSEUS left Berlin on June 22 for a collecting expedition in Siam. The sets of plants obtained will be sold from the Royal Botanic Museum of Berlin.

A. F. BLAKESLEE of Harvard University has received a grant from the Carnegie Institution to spend next year in Europe continuing his mycological investigations.

JOHN MACOUN, the veteran botanist of the Canadian Geological Survey, will spend this summer in the Rocky Mountains of Canada making extensive collections of cryptogams.

AT THE RECENT annual meeting of the Linnean Society (London) the supplemental charter was laid before the fellows, one item of which gives authority to elect women to membership.

LAETITIA MORRIS SNOW received the degree Ph.D. at the June convocation of the University of Chicago, the subject of her thesis being "The effect of external agents upon the development of root hairs."

MEL T. COOK, formerly in charge of botany at DePauw University (Greencastle, Indiana), has been appointed plant pathologist at the Experiment Station of Cuba, newly established at Santiago de las Vegas.

THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN has awarded its Otto Wahlbruch prize, of the value of \$3000, to Dr. Wilhelm Pfeffer, professor of botany at Leipzig. The prize is awarded for the most prominent contribution to science during the past two years.—*Science*.

MR. L. B. ELLIOTT, editor of the *Journal of Applied Microscopy* since its beginning in 1898, has severed his connection with the Bausch & Lomb Optical

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Company to accept another position. He will continue his private work in laboratory photography and biology as heretofore, his address being 17 Birr Street, Rochester, N. Y.

DR. F. L. STEVENS has been promoted to the professorship of botany and vegetable pathology in the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. A new building is about to be constructed which will provide a well-equipped bacteriological laboratory, a plant-disease laboratory, and an elementary laboratory, together with offices for the professor and assistants, research rooms, and greenhouses for experimental work.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Secretary of the Botanical Society of America embodied in Publication 24 is a statement of conditions and record of progress during the first decade of the existence of the Society. The total constituency of the Society now numbers 58, and its accrued funds amount to nearly three thousand dollars, a large part of which is treated as permanent endowment, the income only being used. Recently the policy was adopted of making grants from current funds in aid of investigations by members and associates. Thus far grants to the amount of \$840 have been made.

In order to promote unity of botanical interests a committee consisting of B. T. Galloway (chairman), C. R. Barnes, and C. E. Bessey has been appointed and requested to prepare a plan for cooperation with other botanical organizations, for consideration at the eleventh annual meeting.

The increasing demand upon the time allowed by the Society for the presentation of scientific papers has made necessary the action of the Council in accepting only papers from members, associates, and persons specially invited by the Council to contribute.

THE MANAGERS OF the Louisiana Purchase Exposition have arranged for an International Congress of Arts and Sciences, to be held in the Exposition grounds September 19-25. W. G. FARLOW, Harvard University, will preside over the general section of *Biology*, before which the speakers will be JACQUES LOEB, University of California, and JOHN M. COULTER, University of Chicago. HUGO DE VRIES, University of Amsterdam, will be one of the speakers before the sub-section of *Phylogeny*. For the strictly botanical sub-sections the following appointments have been made. *Plant Morphology*: chairman, WILLIAM TRELEASE, Washington University, St. Louis; speakers, FREDERICK O. BOWER, University of Glasgow, and KARL F. GOEBEL, University of Munich; *Plant Pathology*: chairman, CHARLES R. BARNES, University of Chicago; speakers, JULIUS WIESNER, University of Vienna, and BENJAMIN M. DUGGAR, University of Missouri. *Plant Pathology*: chairman, CHARLES E. BESSEY, University of Nebraska; speakers, JOSEPH C. ARTHUR, Purdue University, and another to be selected. *Ecology*: chairman, CONWAY MACMILLAN, University of Minnesota; speakers, OSKAR DRUDE, Königl-Technische Hochschule, Dresden, and CHARLES FLAHAULT, Director of the Botanic Institute, Montpellier, France. *Bacteriology*: chairman, HAROLD C. ERNST, Harvard University; speakers, EDWIN O. JORDAN, University of Chicago, and THEOBALD SMITH, Harvard University.